

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A tubular apparatus comprising:
 - a first tubular member adapted to be lowered into a well bore;
 - a second tubular member connected to the first tubular member; [[and]]
 - a third tubular member normally connected to the first tubular member and disconnected from the second tubular member, and adapted for movement relative to the first and second tubular members to disconnect from the first tubular member and connect to the second tubular member;
means for introducing a sealing material through the tubular members for passage into the well bore, and
means for applying a torque to the third tubular member when it has been disconnected from the first tubular member and connected to the second tubular member to transfer the torque from the third tubular member to the second tubular member to distribute the material in the well bore.
2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the third tubular member moves relative to the first and second tubular members in response to at least one of the first and second tubular members encountering a resistance in the well bore.
3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the third tubular member moves axially relative to the first and second tubular members.
4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising means for applying a torque to the third tubular member when it has been disconnected from the first tubular member and connected to the second tubular member.

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5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4 where the torque is transferred from the third tubular member to the second tubular member to enable the resistance to be overcome.

6. (original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the third tubular member moves in one direction relative to the first and second tubular members in response to one of the members encountering a predetermined resistance in the well bore.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the third tubular member is adapted to move relative to the first and second tubular members in a direction opposite the one direction to disconnect from the second tubular member and reconnect with the first tubular member.

8. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 7 further comprising means for applying a torque to the third tubular member after the first tubular member has been disconnected from the second tubular member and reconnected to the third~~first~~ tubular member.

9. (original) The apparatus of claim 8 further comprising a fourth tubular member threadedly connected to the first tubular member, and wherein the torque is transferred from the third tubular member to the first tubular member to disconnect the threaded connection between the fourth tubular member and the first tubular member.

10. Cancelled.

11. (currently amended) A method comprising:

lowering a first tubular member into a well bore;

connecting a second tubular member to the first tubular member;

connecting a third tubular member to the first tubular member; [[and]]

moving the third tubular member relative to the first and second tubular members to disconnect the third tubular member from the first tubular member and connect the third tubular member to the second tubular member;

introducing a sealing material through the tubular members for passage into the well bore; and

applying a torque to the third tubular member when it has been disconnected from the first tubular member and connected to the second tubular member to transfer the torque from the third tubular member to the second tubular member to distribute the material in the well bore.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the third tubular member moves relative to the first and second tubular members in response to at least one of the first and second tubular members encountering a resistance in the well bore.

13. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the third tubular member moves axially relative to the first and second tubular members.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising applying a torque to the third tubular member after the step of moving.

15. (original) The method of claim 14 where the torque is transferred from the third tubular member to the second third tubular member to enable the resistance to be overcome.

16. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein the third tubular member moves in one direction relative to the first and second tubular members in response to one of the members encountering a predetermined resistance in the well bore.

17. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising moving the third tubular member relative to the first and second tubular members in a direction opposite the one direction to disconnect from the second tubular member and reconnect with the first tubular member.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17 further comprising applying a torque to the third tubular member after the first tubular member has been disconnected from the second tubular member and reconnected to the third~~first~~ tubular member.

19. (original) The method of claim 18 further comprising threadedly connecting a fourth tubular member to the first tubular member, and wherein the torque is transferred from the third tubular member to the first tubular member to disconnect the threaded connection between the fourth tubular member and the first tubular member.

20-34. Cancelled.

35. (currently amended) A system comprising:

means for lowering a first tubular member into a well bore;
means for connecting a second tubular member to the first tubular member;
means for connecting a third tubular member to the first tubular member; [[and]]
means for moving the third tubular member relative to the first and second tubular members to disconnect the third tubular member from the first tubular member and connect the third tubular member to the second tubular member;
means for introducing a sealing material through the tubular members for passage into the well bore, and
means for applying a torque to the third tubular member when it has been disconnected from the first tubular member and connected to the second tubular member to transfer the torque from the third tubular member to the second tubular member to distribute the material in the well bore.

36. (previously presented) The system of claim 35 wherein the third tubular member moves relative to the first and second tubular members in response to at least one of the first and second tubular members encountering a resistance in the well bore.

37. (previously presented) The system of claim 35 wherein the third tubular member moves axially relative to the first and second tubular members.

38. (previously presented) The system of claim 35 further comprising means for applying a torque to the third tubular member after the step of moving.

39. (previously presented) The system of claim 38 where the torque is transferred from the third tubular member to the second third tubular member to enable the resistance to be overcome.

40. (previously presented) The system of claim 37 wherein the third tubular member moves in one direction relative to the first and second tubular members in response to one of the members encountering a predetermined resistance in the well bore.

41. (previously presented) The system of claim 40 further comprising means for moving the third tubular member relative to the first and second tubular members in a direction opposite the one direction to disconnect from the second tubular member and reconnect with the first tubular member.

42. (currently amended) The system of claim 41 further comprising means for applying a torque to the third tubular member after the first tubular member has been disconnected from the second tubular member and reconnected to the third~~first~~ tubular member.

43. (previously presented) The system of claim 42 further comprising means for threadedly connecting a fourth tubular member to the first tubular member, and wherein the torque is transferred from the third tubular member to the first tubular member to disconnect the threaded connection between the fourth tubular member and the first tubular member.

44-53. Cancelled.